

Mayhew School  
Poplar and Chambers Streets  
Boston  
Suffolk County  
Massachusetts

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## MAYHEW SCHOOL

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Address: Poplar and Chambers Streets, Boston,  
Suffolk County, Massachusetts; demolished 1960

Final Owner: Boston Redevelopment Authority: neighborhood  
office at 25 Blossom Street, Boston, Massachusetts

Brief Statement  
of Significance: This school, is probably the largest and most  
elaborately detailed building among those to be  
demolished for the Boston West End redevelopment.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: Boston School System
2. Date of erection: 1897 (date incised in frieze of portico).
3. Architect: The building has been attributed to Stanford White but no documentation has been found for this.

- B. Likely sources not yet investigated: Boston School Records.  
Stanford White: original papers.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

## A. General Statement

1. Architectural character: This building, designed by Stanford White, has many interesting architectural details.
2. Condition of fabric: To be demolished.

## B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: The building is 3-1/2 stories tall with an irregular L-shape. It faces north on Poplar Street and east on Chambers Street.

- C. Technical Description of Interior: Stairway: The main stairway is in the southeast corner of the building in the main

entrance hallway. The stairway has a curved T-shape. It is doubled, on either hand, to a landing midway between the first and second floors, and runs in a single flight to the 2nd floor. The railing is made of interwoven metal bands, with a round hand rail.

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